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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: UPPER VOLTA'S POSITION ON KOREAN

QUESTION

REF: A) STATE 239299; B) USUN 4982

1. I SAW PRESIDENT LAMIZANA MORNING OCTOBER 14. I STARTED BY SAYING THAT I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT THE UNITED STATES AND UPPER VOLTA WERE FRIENDS BUT THAT AFTER READING ZERBO'S SPEECH AT THE UN., ESPECIALLY HIS REMARKS ON KOREA, I WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER WHETHER UPPER VOLTA REALLY WANTED U.S. FRIENDSHIP. I TOLD LAMIZANA THAT, FOR THE U.S., THE KOREAN QUESTION WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON 30TH UNGA AGENDA AND THAT WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY UPPER VOLTA WAS CO-SPONSORING A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS HOSTILE TO OUR VITAL INTERESTS. I THEN MADE ALL THE POINTS I HAD ALREADY MADE WITH GARANGO (PARA 7, STATE 225930). HAVING JUST RECEIVED FRENCH TEXT OF FRENCH AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, I GAVE LAMIZANA A COPY AND TOLD HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD ACCEPTED THESE AMENDMENTS HAD HOPED

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THAT THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT WOULD PERMIT UPPER VOLTA TO

RECONSIDER ITS POSITION.

2. LAMIZANA HAD LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MY REMARKS WITHOUT ONCE INTERRUPTING, AND NOW READ SLOWLY THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS. HE AGREED THAT THESE AMENDMENTS WERE IN LINE WITH UPPER VOLTA'S POSITION AS HE HAD EXPLAINED IT TO ME PRIOR TO ZERBO'S DEPARTURE FOR PYONYANG, LIMA, AND NEW YORK. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT NORTH KOREANS WERE TRYING TO DO, AND THAT HIS PROBLEM WAS NOW TO SEE HOW HE COULD "LIMIT THE DAMAGE ALREADY DONE." HE SAID HE WOULD GET TOGETHER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO AND SEE WHAT NEW INSTRUCTIONS COULD BE SENT TO THE VOLTAN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. FINALLY HE ASSURED ME THAT UPPER VOLTA WANTED TO RETAIN U.S. FRIENDSHIP.

3. BEFORE LEAVING, I EXPLAINED TO LAMIZANA THAT DEBATE ON KOREAN QUESTION WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN IN OCTOBER 21 AND THAT PROPOSAL MIGHT BE MADE TO CHANGE NORMAL PROCEDURE SO THAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION COULD BE VOTED ON FIRST. LAMIZANA WAS INTERESTED IN UNGA PROCEDURES AND ASKED SEVERAL PERTINENT QUESTIONS WHICH I DID MY BEST TO ANSWER.

4. COMMENT: OVER PAST TWO WEEKS, I AND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF HAVE DONE CONSIDERABLE LOBBYING ON KOREAN QUESTION WITH SEVERAL MINISTERS AND OTHER HIGH GOV OFFICIALS. MINISTER OF JUSTICE BONDE TOOK ME ASIDE AT A RECEPTION RECENTLY AND ASKED ME TO BE VERY FIRM WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ON KOREAN QUESTION. HE SAID HE DID NOT AGREE WITH WHAT ZERBO HAD BEEN DOING AND THAT HE WAS "NOT THE ONLY ONE." I SAW ZERBO FOR A FEW MINUTES THIS MORNING BEFORE SEEING THE PRESIDENT SO AS NOT TO GIVE HIM THE IMPRESSION THAT I WAS GOING OVER HIS HEAD. I FOUND HIM RATHER SUBDUE AND EVEN HUMBLE AND RECIEVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE KOREAN QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AMONG CABINET MEMBERS AND THAT ZERBO MIGHT FIND HIMSELF IN TROUBLE. LAMIZANA'S SOBER COMPOSURE DURING OUR DISCUSSION SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT HE HAD EXPECTED A STRONG DEMARCHE ON MY PART. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT WISH TO BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC, I BELIEVE WE CAN EXPECT UPPER VOLTA'S SUPPORT ON PROCEDURAL

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QUESTION (USUN 4954) AND I DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT UPPER VOLTA WILL VOTE FOR, OR AT LEAST ABSTAIN, ON FRENCH AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

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